

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the title, which is found on application page 1, line 1 with the following replacement title:

Hearing—system HEARING SYSTEM WHICH IS RESPONSIVE TO
ACOUSTICAL FEEDBACK

Please replace the paragraph beginning at application page 8, line 1 with the following replacement paragraph:

The surrounding S towards which the acoustical input E_3 of the input converter 3 points represents to that acoustical input E_3 an acoustical impedance $\overline{Z}_{acc}[[\overline{Z}_{ac}]]$. The acoustical impedance $\overline{Z}_{acc}[[\overline{Z}_{ac}]]$ is a complex, frequency-dependent entity and is defined by sound pressure divided by air particle velocity. Reflection characteristic of an acoustical signal emitted at E_3 and reflected in the surrounding S is closely dependent on $\overline{Z}_{acc}[[\overline{Z}_{ac}]]$.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at application page 8, line 9 with the following replacement paragraph:

According to the present invention, most generically the behaviour of the acoustical impedance $\overline{Z}_{acc}[[\overline{Z}_{ac}]]$

is sensed as generically shown in Fig. 1 by a sensing unit 9. The behaviour of \overline{Z}_{acc} is then evaluated in an evaluation unit 11. There, in the sensed behaviour is checked whether it fulfils or does not fulfil predetermined criteria which are previously predetermined and set at evaluation unit 11 as schematically shown in Fig. 1 from a characteristics predetermining unit 13.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at application page 8, line 18 with the following replacement paragraph:

If the input impedance $\overline{Z}_{acc}[[\overline{Z}_{ac}]]$ fulfils the predetermined criteria preset at unit 13, then unit 11 controls change over of a first operating status of the overall system 1 into a second, different operated status as schematically shown in unit 15. The at least two operating status may e.g. include: